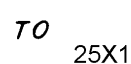


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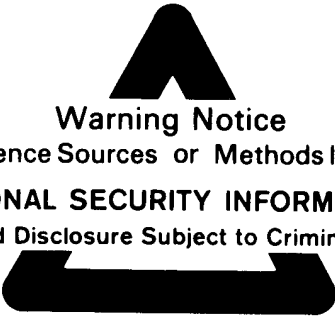
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NEW ARTILLERY CORPS
NORTH KOREA (SWN)
 OCTOBER 1982 - OCTOBER 1984

1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW ARTILLERY CORPS, THE FIRST IDENTIFIED WITH NORTH KOREAN GROUND FORCES, IS BEING FORMED IN THE SOUTHWEST 2ND CORPS AREA IN CENTRAL NORTH KOREA. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** THE NEW ARTILLERY CORPS CONSISTS OF A HEADQUARTERS, THREE SELF-PROPELLED (SP) ARTILLERY BRIGADES, AND ONE POSSIBLE MIXED ARTILLERY BRIGADE. THE CORPS HEADQUARTERS AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT UNITS ARE AT SINGYE, AND THE SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY BRIGADES ARE AT PYONGSAN, CHIHA RI, AND IMMEDIATELY SOUTHWEST OF SINGYE (GRAPHIC 1). THE MAJORITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORPS HEADQUARTERS AND BRIGADE DEPLOYMENT AREAS BEGAN BETWEEN OCTOBER 1982 AND MARCH 1983. SIMILARITIES IN GARRISON CONSTRUCTION, SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY VEHICLE STORAGE SHEDS, AND SUPPORT FACILITIES PROVIDED SIGNATURES THAT ENABLED ESTIMATES TO BE MADE AS TO THE SIZE AND MAKE-UP OF THE THREE SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY BRIGADES AND THE MIXED ARTILLERY BRIGADE. THE CONSISTENT E-SHAPED WALL STRUCTURE OF THE ARTILLERY VEHICLE STORAGE SHEDS (GRAPHIC 2) PROVIDED THE BEST SIGNATURE TO ESTIMATE UNIT SIZE. BOTH INSTALLATIONS DEPICTED ON THE GRAPHIC, EACH IN DIFFERENT BRIGADE AREAS, SHOW SIMILAR VEHICLE SHEDS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. THREE SP GUNS (PARKED WITHIN AN INCOMPLETE SHED) AND ONE POSSIBLE COMMAND VEHICLE WERE OBSERVED AT YONGAM ARMY BARRACKS [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] THE THREE SP GUNS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF A PATTERN WHERE BY WEAPONS ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO EACH OF THE NEW INSTALLATIONS IN INCREMENTS OF THREE TO SIX. NO WEAPONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AT ORIDONG BARRACKS. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS: THE PRESENCE OF AN ARTILLERY CORPS IN NORTH KOREA SUGGESTS THE EXISTENCE OF AN ECHELON BETWEEN CORPS AND THE MINISTRY OF PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (MPAF). THIS ARMY OR ARMY GROUP ECHELON WOULD PROBABLY COMMAND THE RESTRUCTURED MECHANIZED AND ARMORED FORCES IN THE SECOND AND FOURTH CORPS AREAS OF OPERATION AS WELL AS OTHER FORWARD DEPLOYED UNITS. IF THIS ECHELON EXISTS, THERE IS A DISTINCT PROBABILITY THAT A SIMILAR ARMY OR ARMY GROUP IS FORMING IN THE EASTERN FORWARD CORPS AREA. (SWN)

THE ARTILLERY CORPS WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE FIRE SUPPORT OF AN ARMY OR ARMY GROUP IN EITHER AN OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE SCENARIO. THE EXCLUSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF HIGHLY MOBILE SP UNITS WITHIN THE ARTILLERY CORPS ADDS A SIGNIFICANT COMBAT SUPPORT CAPABILITY TO THE REORGANIZED GROUND FORCES IN NORTH KOREA. THE ADDITION OF THE POSSIBLE MIXED ARTILLERY BRIGADE TO THE ARTILLERY CORPS FILLS A GAP LEFT BY THE STREAMLINED, UNSUPPORTED SP BRIGADE ELEMENTS. THESE ELEMENTS COULD TACTICALLY AUGMENT THE SP BRIGADES WITH LONG RANGE, AREA SATURATION, OR INDIRECT HEAVY FIRE SUPPORT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ARTILLERY CORPS COMMANDER. (SWN)

3. COORDINATES 38-38-20N 126-46-20E (S) 25X1
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